

Ocean Activities for Wednesday

On the Move

The Shark Bit My Cup!

Oh no! The shark bit your cup! Work quickly to fill up your bucket before all the water runs out! (An outdoor activity)

Materials:

- Paper or Styrofoam cup
- 2 Large Buckets or Bowls
- Water

Instructions:

1. Take one paper or Styrofoam cup and poke small-sized holes into the bottom using a toothpick or skewer (these are your "shark teeth" marks).
2. Fill one bucket/bowl with water and place on one end of a cleared path.
3. Place the empty bowl/bucket on the opposite end of the path.
4. Place the cup with holes in the bucket filled with water.
5. Instruct your toddler to fill their "shark bitten" cup with as much water as possible.
6. Race to the other end (before all the water runs out) and pour the remaining water into the empty bucket.
7. Repeat until the first bucket is empty.

Adventures Online

Dolphin Days

Watch a dolphin show!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dVlykgOEVcY&t=142s>

Sensory Time

Sea Treat

A day at the beach really works up an appetite. This Sea Treat is sure to restore your energy.

Ingredients:

1. Life Preservers (Cheerios)
2. Driftwood (pretzel sticks)
3. Fish (Gold Fish crackers)
4. Beach Pebbles (milk and white chocolate chips)
5. Coral (dried fruit)

Instructions:

1. Let your child help pour premeasured desired amount of each ingredient into a bowl.
2. Stir together
3. Serve in a small child-safe bowl
4. Enjoy!

Story Time

The Brilliant Deep

By Kate Messner

Explore coral reefs and the ocean with the author. A former classroom teacher, Messner has written more than three dozen books for kids. She's put together a library of distance learning resources for students, families, teachers, and librarians.

Read Aloud:

<https://youtu.be/XPB1DSXAr5o>

Arts and Creativity

Pretend Water Play

Your child can play in the ocean! Just add imagination!

Materials:

- Stick or pencil and string (optional)
- Large blanket
- Pool play items-such as pool noodles, rafts, rings, etc.
- Any stuffed animals that can be found under the sea.

Instructions:

1. Lay the blanket on the floor and tell your child "This is the ocean. Let's swim in the ocean. What can we find in the ocean?"
2. You can use the basket as a boat, or your child can play with the toys that you add to the "ocean."
3. Tie the string to the stick or pencil to create a fishing pole, and your child can sit in the hamper and "fish" or fish from the shore!

The possibilities are endless! Your child can have an underwater tea party, the blanket can become the beach to make pretend sandcastles, let your child lead the play!